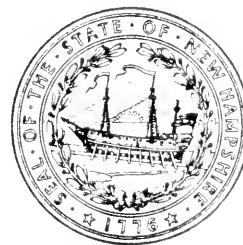


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# Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF  
  
BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



*Year Ending December 31*

**1968**



TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Annual Report*

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1968

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**BENTON TOWN OFFICERS – 1968****Moderator:** James J. Page**Town Clerk:** Ruth F. Page**Selectmen:**

William J. Harris	(Term Expires 1969)
James J. Page	(Term Expires 1970)
James W. Elliott	(Term Expires 1971)

**Treasurer:** Priscilla T. Boutin**Tax Collector:** Francis H. Lackie**Supervisors of the Checklist:**

Lester W. Noxon (Deceased)	
John Boutin, Sr.	(Appointed to Unexpired Term 1970)
Mildred A. Elliott	(Term Expires 1972)
John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1974)

**Constable:** George B. Tyler**Highway Agent:** George B. Tyler**Trustees of Trust Funds**

John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1969)
Lester W. Noxon (Deceased)	
William J. Harris	(Term Expires 1971)

**Auditor:** Jacob W. Aldrich**Sexton:** John Boutin, Sr.**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** William J. Harris**Fence Viewer:** Lester W. Noxon (Deceased)**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona V. Boutin	William J. Harris
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**Ballot Inspectors:**

Laura M. Noxon	Kate J. Goodwin
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## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 11th) at seven thirty o'clock in the afternoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1.** To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for the term of three years; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for the term of three years and one Trustee of Trust Funds for the term of one year; one Sexton; one Auditor; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135.51 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided in Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24.94 for the White Mountains Region Association.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to help subsidize ambulance service in our area with such funds to be administered by the Trustees of the Cottage Hospital.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to the White Mountain Community Services for support of their non-profit community mental health program.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

**Article 7.** To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness of the Town during the ensuing year in anticipation of taxes to be collected for the year 1969 and to be paid therefrom.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

**Article 10.** To see how the Town will vote on the following question: "shall the provisions of Chapter 287 of the Revised Statutes Annotated relative to playing beano be adopted in this Town?"

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, A.D., 1969.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS  
JAMES J. PAGE  
JAMES W. ELLIOTT  
Selectmen of Benton

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS  
AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 1968**

<b>Title of Appropriation</b>	<b>Receipts &amp; Reim- bursements</b>	<b>Expend- itures</b>	<b>Unex- pended Balance</b>	<b>Over- draft</b>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 475.00	\$ 593.00	\$ 118.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	542.34	42.34	
Election and Registration	500.00	483.40	16.60	
Town Buildings Maintenance	75.00	197.22	122.22	
Police Department	20.00	20.00		
Fire Department	100.00	*	342.75	242.75
Blister Rust Control	125.00	1.50**	125.00	1.50
Insurance			377.55	377.55
Health Department	105.00		105.00	
Vital Statistics	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Town Road Maintenance—Summer*	500.00	848.53§	1,215.94	132.59
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		952.97	47.03
Town Road Aid	136.34	1,778.70 §§	1,909.33	5.21
Town Truck Expenses	900.00	314.20†	1,238.23	24.03
Cemeteries	200.00		233.06	33.06
Regional Association	24.94		24.94	
Interest	60.00		55.50	4.50
County Taxes	585.83		585.83	
School Taxes	9,147.60		11,857.18	2,709.58
	<hr/> <b>\$14,464.71</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 2,942.93</b>	<hr/> <b>\$20,864.76</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 212.43</b>
				\$ 3,669.55
				<hr/> <b>— 212.43</b>

**NET OVERDRAFT**

\* Reimbursement of \$159.00 due in 1969

\*\* Unused portion of appropriation

§ Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment

§§ State share TRA 1967 and 1968

† Truck earnings over budget

\$ 3,457.12

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

### Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1969 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1968

**From State of New Hampshire:**

<b>SOURCE OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Actual 1968</b>	<b>Estimated 1969</b>
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 139.91	\$ 150.00
Savings Bank Tax	7.27	8.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	181.71	250.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,899.37	1,900.00

**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	71.00	70.00
Permits	10.00	10.00
Interest Received on Taxes	46.35	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	139.63	140.00
Income from Town Truck	914.20	900.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,135.66	1,100.00

**From Local Taxes Other Than  
Property Taxes:**

Poll Taxes	96.00	96.00
Yield Taxes	379.98	200.00

**Total Revenues from all Sources Except  
Property Taxes:**

	\$ 5,021.08	\$ 4,874.00
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**Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:**

	10,939.41	15,440.64
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**TOTAL REVENUES**

	\$20,314.64
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## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

### Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1969 Compared With Actual Expenditures for the Year 1968

	Actual 1968	Estimated 1969
<b>PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 593.00	\$ 550.00
Town Officers' Expenses	542.34	500.00
Election and Registration	483.40	115.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	197.22	300.00
Police Department	20.00	20.00
Fire Department	342.75	100.00
Blister Rust Control	125.00	
Insurance	377.55	375.00
Health Department	105.00	130.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	367.41	600.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	952.97	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	1,238.23	900.00
Town Road Aid	136.34	135.51
Cemeteries	233.08	250.00
Regional Association	24.94	24.94
Interest on Temporary Loans	55.50	50.00
<b>County Taxes:</b>	<b>585.83</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>School Taxes:</b>	<b>11,857.18</b>	<b>14,654.19</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$18,242.74</b>	<b>\$20,314.64</b>

**BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1968****ASSETS**

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	\$ 6,408.59
Accounts Due	
State: Porcupine Bounties	7.00
Others: Mullaney Fire	159.00
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1968	\$ 1,536.25
Levy of 1967	563.33
Levy of 1966	142.68
State Head Taxes—1968	105.00
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	2,347.26
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 8,921.85</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Due State	
State Head Taxes—1968	\$ 130.00
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	88.77
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	\$ 218.77
Accounts Due School	
Balance of School Tax	6,427.23
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,646.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>2,275.85</b>
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	\$ 8,921.85

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION – 1968

<b>Description of Property</b>	
Land	\$107,993
Buildings	124,541
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	\$232,534
Public Utilities—Electric	36,473
House Trailers and Mobile Homes	
Assessed as Personal Property	4,615
Stock in Trade of Manufacturers	2,925
Neat Stock—Dairy Cows (96)	8,736
Other Cattle (1)	39
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	130
Portable Mill	3,250
Road Building and Construction Machinery	488
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$289,190
<b>Exemptions</b>	
Neat Stock Exemption	—1,000
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<b>Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed</b>	<b>\$288,190</b>
<b>Proportionality of Assessment: 65%</b>	

**STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1968**

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 4,731.28
County Tax	585.83
School Tax	9,147.60
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$14,464.71
ESTIMATED REVENUES	—3,989.86
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	\$10,474.85
Add: War Service Tax Credits	300.00
Add: Overlay	464.56
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GROSS PROPERTY TAXES	\$11,239.41
Less: War Service Tax Credit	—300.00
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	\$10,939.41

Net Valuation \$288,190 x Tax Rate \$3.90=Amount  
to be Raised \$10,939.41

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD AND STATE HEAD TAXES

#### DEBITS

**Taxes Committed to Collector and  
Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/68**

	Levy of 1968	Levy of 1967	Levy of 1966	Levy of 1965	Levy of 1955
Property Taxes	\$10,939.41	\$ 2,131.58	\$165.88	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	98.00	32.00			
Yield Taxes	532.63			4.00	8.12
State Head Taxes	305.00	100.00			
Interest		33.66.		2.19	
Penalties	1.00	9.50			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$11,876.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,306.74</b>	<b>\$168.07</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$8.12</b>

#### CREDITS

**Remittances to Treasurer**

Property Taxes	\$ 9,449.88	\$ 1,568.25	\$ 23.20		
Poll Taxes	60.00	30.00			
Poll Taxes Abated	4.00	2.00			
Yield Taxes	441.43				
Yield Taxes Abated				\$4.00	\$8.12
State Head Taxes	190.00	95.00			
State Head Taxes Abated	10.00	5.00			
Interest		33.66		2.19	
Penalties	1.00	9.50			
<b>Total Remittances</b>	<b>\$10,156.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,743.41</b>	<b>\$ 25.39</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$8.12</b>
<b>Discount Allowed</b>	<b>\$ 78.48</b>				

**Uncollected Taxes**

Property Taxes	\$ 1,411.05	\$ 563.33	\$142.68		
Poll Taxes	34.00				
Yield Taxes	91.20				
State Head Taxes	105.00				
<b>Total Uncollected</b>	<b>\$ 1,641.25</b>	<b>\$ 563.33</b>	<b>\$142.68</b>		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$11,876.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,306.74</b>	<b>\$168.07</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>\$8.12</b>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1968

	Poll	Head	Prop.	Yield
<b>Levy of 1968</b>				
<b>Resident</b>				
Boutin, Albert and Mabel	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	\$	\$
Boutin, John Jr. and Iona	4.00	10.00	173.67	
Boutin, Joseph N. and Priscilla	2.00	10.00	107.72	
Boutin, Wilfred and Esther	4.00	10.00		
Bragdon, Francis	2.00	5.00		
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine	2.00	10.00	144.50	
Elliott, Robert O. and Beverly	4.00	10.00		
Fenn, Thomas and Josephia	4.00	10.00	148.67	
Gregory, P. R. Jr. and Grace	2.00	10.00	177.64	
Gregory, Grace M.				136.42
Harris, William and Seraphine	2.00	10.00	104.25	
Hatch, Verne and Dorothy	4.00	10.00		
Page Brothers				330.56
<b>Non-Resident</b>				
Albert, George V.				6.36
Clapp, Merton A.				18.99
Driscoll, James and Helen				8.89
Elliott, Benjamin Sr., et al				6.59
Fetherolf, Melinda				1.29
Forest Products, Inc.				\$91.20
Randall, Daniel				7.49
Stecky, John and Marian				38.02
<b>Levy of 1967</b>				
Albert, George V.				9.41
Boutin, Albert and Mabel				76.10
Elliott, Benjamin Sr. et al				4.56
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine				237.12
Finn, Daniel and Mary				185.25
Randall, Daniel				18.52
Swing, William and Yvonne				55.57
<b>Levy of 1966</b>				
Albert, George V.				5.80
Elliott, John Jr. and Catherine				136.88
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<b>TOTAL UNCOLLECTED</b>				
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 34.00</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,117.06</b>	<b>\$ 91.20</b>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE  
Tax Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED  
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

**From Tax Collector:**

Cash in Hands of Tax Collector 1-1-68	\$ 109.69
<b>1968</b>	

Property Taxes	\$ 9,449.88
Poll Taxes	60.00
Poll Taxes Abated	4.00
Yield Taxes	441.43
State Head Taxes	190.00
State Head Taxes Abated	10.00
State Head Tax Penalties	1.00

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\$10,156.31

**1967**

Property Taxes	\$ 1,568.25
Poll Taxes	30.00
Poll Taxes Abated	2.00
State Head Taxes	95.00
State Head Taxes Abated	5.00
State Head Tax Penalties	9.50
Interest	33.66

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\$ 1,743.41

**1966**

Property Taxes	\$ 23.20
Interest	2.19

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\$ 25.39

1965 Yield Taxes Abated	4.00
1955 Yield Taxes Abated	8.12

**From Town Clerk:**

1967 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 36.24
1968 Motor Vehicle Permits	1,083.34
1969 Motor Vehicle Permits	16.08

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\$ 1,135.66

Dog Licenses	23.00
Pistol Permits	10.00
<b>From Constable:</b>	
Dog Licenses	48.00
<b>From Town Truck Hire:</b>	
Town of Benton	\$ 570.20
Town of Landaff	57.75
Robert E. Longpre	191.25
William Jones	52.50
J. W. Modrall	16.25
Earl H. Ruddock	1.25
John Boutin, Jr.	3.75
Daniel Finn	7.50
Joseph Taylor	3.75
Allen Morell	2.50
William Fallon	7.50
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	914.20
<b>From Trust Funds—1967:</b>	
For Highways	\$ 58.25
For Cemeteries	81.38
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	139.63
<b>From State of New Hampshire:</b>	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 139.91
Savings Bank Tax	7.27
Meals and Rooms Tax	181.71
Porcupine Bounties	26.00
Refund for Blister Rust Control	1.50
Town Road Aid	1,778.70
Class V Highway Maint. Allotment	848.53
National Forest Reserve	3,798.75
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	\$ 6,782.37
<b>Tax Anticipation Notes:</b>	
Woodsville National Bank	\$ 4,200.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$25,299.78

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Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1968	8,458.67
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Selectmen's Orders	\$33,758.45
	-27,348.02
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Bank Service Charge	\$ 6,410.43
	-1.84
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Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1968	\$ 6,408.59

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1968

**Town Officers' Salaries:**

Lester W. Noxon, trustee	\$ 10.00
John G. Elliott, Sr., trustee	10.00
William J. Harris, trustee	10.00
Jacob W. Aldrich, auditor	25.00
William J. Harris, selectman	106.00
James W. Elliott, selectman	106.00
James J. Page, selectman	156.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	60.00
Priscilla T. Boutin, treasurer	60.00
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	\$ 593.00

**Town Officers' Expenses:**

Supplies	\$ 18.15
Tax books	18.40
Postage	25.58
Mileage	18.88
Meals	18.60
Association dues	21.00
Fees	130.14
Safe deposit box	4.00
Officers' bonds	70.00
Transfers	16.30
Town reports	199.45
Bank service charge	1.84
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	542.34

**Election and Registration:**

Supplies	\$ 13.00
Mildred A. Elliott, supervisor	78.40
Lester W. Noxon, supervisor	78.40
John G. Elliott, Sr., supervisor	78.40
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	11.20
William J. Harris, ballot clerk	33.60
Iona V. Boutin, ballot clerk	33.60
Kate J. Goodwin, ballot inspector	33.60
Laura M. Noxon, ballot inspector	33.60
James W. Elliott, selectman	22.40
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	33.60
James J. Page, moderator	33.60
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	\$ 483.40

**Town Buildings Maintenance:**

Electric (1967)	\$ 25.00
Electric (1968)	20.00
Wood	25.00
Repairs, labor	\$101.50
supplies	25.72
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	127.22
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	197.22

**Police Department:**

George B. Tyler, constable	20.00
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**Fire Department:**

Mullaney fire (to be reimbursed)	\$ 159.00
Page sawmill fire	183.75
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	342.75

**Blister Rust Control:**

Treasurer, State of N.H.	125.00
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**Bounties:**

14 porcupines	7.00
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**Insurance:**

Concord Gen. Mutual Ins. Co.	
Town truck	129.76
Franconia Insurance Agency	
Workmen's compensation	105.84
General liability	105.00
Community building	36.95
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	377.55

**Health Department:**

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$ 5.00
Cottage Hospital	
Area ambulance service	100.00
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	105.00

**Vital Statistics:**

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	5.00
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**Town Road Maintenance—Summer:**

Labor	\$ 346.60
Equipment hire	843.96
Repairs	.48
Gravel	24.90
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	1,215.94

**Town Road Maintenance—Winter:**

Labor	\$ 521.55
Equipment hire	369.25
Salt	29.12
Sand	25.20
Repairs	7.85
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	952.97

**Town Truck Expenses:**

Rebuilt motor	\$ 441.44
Repairs	397.48
Gas and oil	281.01
Labor (reimbursed)	65.80
Chains	52.50
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	1,238.23

**Town Road Aid:**

Appropriation	\$ 136.34
Equipment hire	1,348.19
Gravel	253.40
Labor	168.90
Supplies	3.00
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	1,909.83

**Cemeteries:**

Labor	\$ 183.22
Equipment hire	29.35
Plants	14.20
Supplies	6.31
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	233.08

**Regional Association:**

White Mountains Region Assn.	24.94
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**Abatements:**

1955 yield tax	\$ 8.12
1965 yield tax	4.00
1967 head and poll taxes	7.00
1968 head and poll taxes	14.00
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	33.12

**Interest:**

Woodsville National Bank	
Tax anticipation notes	55.50

**Tax Anticipation Notes:**

Woodsville National Bank	\$ 4,200.00
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**Payments to State:**

State head tax	\$ 257.02
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Bond and debt retirement tax	88.58
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	345.60
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**Payments to County:**

County taxes	585.83
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**Payments to School:**

Appropriation	\$11,857.18
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National Forest Reserve	
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(one-half)	1,899.38
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	\$13,756.56
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$27,349.86</b>
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**TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Trustees of Trust Funds and Highway Agent and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JACOB W. ALDRICH  
Auditor

## TRUST FUNDS

### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1968

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown (\$197.88) is that received during the year 1968, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Amount	Distribution of Income		
		Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 500.00	\$ 12.50	\$	\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
Ira Whitcher	13.19	.58		
L. H. Parker	200.00		Field not rented	
J. C. Speed	132.11	5.94		
Sam'l Whitcher &				
Wm. Kendall	189.69	8.50		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	2.02		
Sam'l Annis	45.46	2.02		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	2.02		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	8.55		
Ella Mann	50.00	2.25		
K. L. Howe	50.00	2.25		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	4.50		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	2.25		
Lee B. & Maude McKean	100.00	4.50		
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	\$6,711.64	\$ 81.38	\$ 58.25	\$ 58.25

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts or invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company, Lisbon, New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS  
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.  
Trustees of Trust Funds

### **Program of the White Mountains Region Association 1968 (31st year)**

Printed and distributed 308,000 folders promoting the region. Received and answered 7,335 inquiries and mailed a total of 17,392 individual letters or packages.

Posted our annual 500-miles of Fall Foliage Tours for the 20th season.

Wrote forty-four news releases to inform people in the region of important economic issues.

Prepared publicity articles which have appeared in **New Hampshire Profiles, Skiing Magazine** and the **American Canoeist**.

Assisted with the production of a full page four-color ad urging motorists to visit New Hampshire, which appeared in seven national magazines including **Sports Illustrated** and **National Geographic**.

Assisted with a study for better vocational and rehabilitation services for Coos and Carroll Counties.

Researched and sold the concept of an east-west interstate highway for the north country.

Prepared a position paper regarding the Connecticut Valley National Recreation Area proposal.

Worked at three travel shows, one at Boston, one at Montreal, and the other at Cleveland.

Assisted two TV teams in filming the White Mountains.

Presented the annual awards and subscriptions to 4-H clubs in the region.

Introduced whitewater canoe racing into the region.

Promoted the concept of preserving farms through encouraging family farming.

Worked on industrial development problems with communities in the area.

Supported with money the Shelburne Highway Safety Rest Area Information Center and assisted in training the staff.

# A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

# Benton School District

Year Ending December 31, 1968

**DISTRICT OFFICERS****School Board**

Mrs. Mildred Elliott, Chairman	Term Expires 1969
Mrs. Priscilla Boutin	Term Expires 1970
Mrs. Ruth Page	Term Expires 1971

**Other District Officers**

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Vevah Leonard	Clerk
Mr. George Tyler	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman H. Mullen	Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 11th day of March, 1969, at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the bal-

ance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State of New Hampshire.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

MILDRED ELLIOTT  
PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
RUTH PAGE  
School Board

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON**  
**1969 - 1970**

	<b>Adopted Budget 1968-69</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 1969-70</b>
<b>100 Administration</b>		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	6.00	6.00
190 Other Expenses	50.00	
<b>300 Attendance</b>		
310 Salary of Truant Officer	5.00	
<b>500 Transportation</b>		
535 Contracted Transportation	3,335.00	3,827.00
<b>1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts—</b>		
<b>In State</b>		
1477.1 Tuition	12,626.00	18,100.00
1477.2 Transportation to Other School Districts	150.00	150.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Exp.	142.44	164.37
<b>Contingency Fund</b>	100.00	100.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	\$16,457.94	\$22,390.87

### ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1969 - 70

Balance on Hand June 30, 1969	\$ 0.00
State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	5,605.43
Sweepstakes	175.00
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	1,900.00
Income Trust Funds	58.25
Estimated amount to be raised by	
1969 Property Taxes	14,652.19
 Total Appropriations	 \$22,390.87

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,390.87 for the school year 1969-1970.

MILDRED ELLIOTT  
PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
RUTH PAGE

#### Recommended Motion:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District the sum of \$22,390.87.

### REVISED INCOME FOR 1968 - 1969

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 291.29
Sweepstakes	175.00
Foundation Aid	5,605.43
National Forest Reserve	1,200.00
Trust Fund Income	58.00
 Total Revenue and Credits	 \$ 7,329.72
Amount to be raised by	
1968 Property Taxes	9,128.22
Total Appropriations	\$16,457.94

## STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1968**

	Adopted Budget 1967-68	Paid Out 1967-68
<b>100 Administration</b>		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.50
135 Contracted Services	14.00	
190 Other Expenses	50.00	25.93
<b>300 Attendance Services</b>		
310 Salary of Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
<b>500 Pupil Transportation</b>		
535 Contracted Services	3,335.00	3,370.00
<b>1400 Outgoing Transfer Items</b>		
1477 Expenditures to Other Schools, Districts, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	12,900.00	12,673.44
.2 Transportation	150.00	122.00
.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Exp.	135.75	*135.75
Contingency Fund	100.00	
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	\$16,789.75	
Deficiency Appropriation	1,200.00	
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TOTAL	\$17,989.75	\$16,383.62

\*This figure includes the amount of \$39.10, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968**

**RECEIPTS**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$ 20.42
Revenue from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	11,525.00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Trust Funds	58.25
Revenue from State Sources	
Foundation Aid	3,170.10
Sweepstakes	209.36
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	1,423.46
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	\$16,406.59

**PAYMENTS**

Orders of the School Board	\$16,383.62
Cash on Hand June 30, 1968	22.97
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	\$16,406.59

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****July 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	\$ 22.97
Revenue from State Sources:	
Foundation Aid	\$ 5,605.43
Sweepstakes	197.89
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Current Appropriation	2,182.18
National Forest Reserve Fund	1,899.38
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	9,884.88
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Total Amount Available to December 31, 1968	\$ 9,907.85
Less School Board Orders Paid	6,907.04
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1968	\$ 3,000.81

**BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1968****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1968	\$ 22.97
General Fund	
Accounts Due to District	
From Town or City	268.32
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 291.29
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 291.29

**Liabilities**

Accounts Owed By District	
Advance on 68-69 Appropriation	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	291.29
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 291.29

## **REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968**

## SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1967	\$ 20.42
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$11,525.00
Revenue from State Sources	3,379.46
Revenue from Federal Sources	1,423.46
Received as Income from	
Trust Funds	58.25
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,386.17
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	16,406.59
Less School Board Orders Paid	16,383.62
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1968	\$ 22.97

MAXINE TYLER

July 10, 1968 District Treasurer

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and find them correct in all respects.

JONA BOUTIN

July 13, 1968 Auditor

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
1968 - 1969**

Last year it was a pleasure to write my report and alert the Benton taxpayer that his school tax was decreasing approximately thirty percent.

Unfortunately, this year your taxes for school support have risen dramatically. The major increase can be traced to one item—tuition.

It might be a good idea at this time to give you some of the tuition charges in other school districts in this area to indicate how much per pupil tuition costs have increased in the last few years:

**Vermont**

St. Johnsbury Academy (Books are extra)	\$ 970.00
St. Johnsbury Trade School	950.00
St. Johnsbury Trade School (Books are extra)	950.00
McIndoes Academy	975.00
Newbury High School	(estimated) 1,025.00
Bradford Academy	800.00

**New Hampshire**

White Mountains Regional	725.00
Littleton High School	715.00
Woodsville High School	700.00
Orford High School	695.00

Next year the Benton School District will have thirty-three children attending school in the Haverhill Cooperative ranging from grades 1-11. We will not have any graduating in 1970 and therefore the cost for tuition in 1970-71 will be enormous.

May I take this opportunity to thank the school board and the taxpayers of Benton for their fine support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

**NORMAN H. MULLEN**  
Superintendent of Schools

**SUPERVISORY UNION #23  
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #23, during 1968-1969, will receive a salary of \$14,000.00, which is made up as follows: \$3,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$10,500.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,500.00 for travel within the Union is also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel to each school district:

	Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 529.20	\$ 75.60
Benton	45.15	6.45
Haverhill	1,988.70	284.10
Lincoln-Woodstock	3,192.00	456.00
Monroe	1,773.45	253.35
Piermont	658.35	94.05
Woodsville	2,313.15	330.45
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	\$10,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

**NORMAN H. MULLEN**

Superintendent of Schools

**REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN &  
DISTRICT CHIEF**

New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in the northeast in terms of population increase. It is also an industrialized state and this growth is likely to continue, all of which means more families and homes. Our growing summer population is scattered throughout the state with a phenomenal increase in vacation homes.

Many new homes and practically all cottages are being located in woodlands and abandoned fields and forests crowd into the back yards of our village streets. In a state where the forests cover 86% of the land surface, it is necessary that everyone be aware all through the season, which comes with the disappearance of the snow until the snow comes again, of the need to be careful with outdoor fires and fire sources.

The following action will help:

1. To teach our children the danger of lighted matches.
2. To never discard lighted smoking material from a car or while walking through fields or woods.
3. To safely dispose of rubbish preferably at the town dump. If you must burn—
  - a. You need a written permit from the town fire warden for *all* debris burning except when the ground is covered with snow. Cooking fires in outdoor fireplaces or in charcoal brasiers in your own back yard is permitted on notification of the warden.

- b. The warden is forbidden by regulation to allow burning of household rubbish on grass by householders between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
  - c. Have equipment on hand to control the fire **before** you light the match.
4. Promptly report any fire out of control to your fire warden or fire department.

Help to keep our town out of the fire occurrence column and save our tax dollars for useful purposes.

District Fire Chief  
JOHN Q. RICARD  
Canaan, N. H.

Forest Fire Warden  
JOHN BOUTIN, SR.  
Benton, N. H.

**Deaths registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1968**

Date of Death and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
June 30 Benton	Alphonse Croteau	72	Rochester	Sacler Croteau	Demoiselle Levesque
July 2 Benton	George Gladstone Wilson	68	Raymond	James H. Wilson	Ethel Nash
August 20 Hanover	Uldege Bernard	67	Benton	Joseph Bernard	Josephine Boucher
October 19 Haverhill	Alice Tyler	86	Haverhill	Alvah Brainard	Martha Morse
November 16 Benton	Charles Fowler	65	Rochester	Charles Fowler	Mary Javrin
December 7 Haverhill	Lester William Noxon	70	Benton	George Noxon	Anna Ryan

**Marriages registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1968**

Date and Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
July 19      Benton	Florien Joseph DeFosse, Jr. Bonnie Lee Elliott	20 Florien DeFosse, Sr. 18 John Elliott, Jr.	Hazel Marsh Catherine Mason
October 19      South Ryegate, Vt.	Dale Gene Phelps Roberta Ellen Elliott	22 Gordon Phelps 18 Robert Owen Elliott	Winona Sulham Beverly Moses





